

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWING FIGURES:

A replacement sheet containing amended Figure 12 is submitted herewith. In particular, Figure 12 has been amended to include the legend "Prior Art."

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The above-identified patent application has been reviewed in light of the Examiner's Action dated April 11, 2005. Claims 1 and 2 have been amended and no claims have been cancelled. Accordingly, Claims 1 through 6 are now pending. As set forth herein, the formal matters noted in the Office Action have been addressed. Accordingly, allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

The Office Action finds that the last phrase of both Claims 1 and 2 appears redundant. In the amendment set forth above, Claims 1 and 2 have been amended to remove the noted phrase. The amendments to Claims 1 and 2 are not narrowing amendments.

The Office Action additionally finds that Figure 12 should be labeled "Prior Art." In the Amendment set forth above, Figure 12 has been so amended. In addition, a replacement sheet containing Figure 12 is submitted herewith. Applicant requests that the amendment to Claim 12 be entered, and that the replacement sheet be accepted as part of the formal drawings.

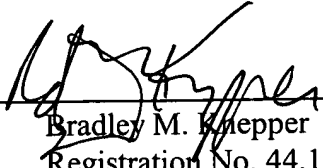
Applicants note with appreciation Examiner's indication that the application is in condition for allowance except for the formal matters noted therein. As the present Amendment addresses those formal matters, Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance, and early notification of same is respectfully requested.

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The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if doing so would expedite the resolution of this case.

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